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Dear Mr. Thomasson and Mr. Jorgenson:

Thank you for meeting with us to discuss the Reclaimed Water Comprehensive Plan and the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee's (MWPAAC) involvement in the upcoming planning process. As we discussed, the County's overall goal is to identify ways to reduce effluent discharges to Puget Sound and better manage our water resources by developing a Reclaimed Water Comprehensive Plan that identifies and prioritizes beneficial uses of treated effluent, and reduces the amount of effluent discharged to Puget Sound.

The planning process will be guided by the currently adopted water reuse policies contained in the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (KCC 28.86.100). However, it is expected that these policies will be revised and amended based on input received and analyses conducted during the planning process.

Some of the key issues to be addressed during the planning process will include:

- Identification of practical uses of reclaimed water that benefit the region;
- Identification of the most efficient method(s) for producing and distributing reclaimed water that also support the efficient and safe operation of the regional treatment system;
- Quantification of the benefits and costs of producing, distributing, and using reclaimed water; and,
- Identification of equitable funding sources and phasing strategies that allow for reasonable rates over time.

We plan to spend the next 24 months working with interested parties across the region in developing the reclaimed water comprehensive plan. MWPAAC is an important party to the

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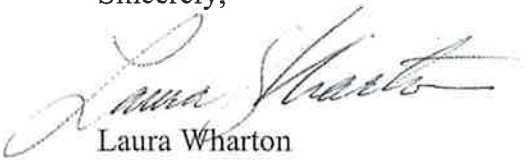
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planning process. We have a well established means of working with MWPAAC on policy and technical issues through the Engineering and Planning (E&P) subcommittee. We will use the regularly scheduled monthly or bi-monthly E&P meetings to receive input, present information and discuss issues throughout the planning process. We will work with MWPAAC as a whole during the planning process as well, but will rely on the E&P subcommittee to let us know when a particular issue is ready for full MWPAAC discussion.

Based on our conversations, we are anticipating receipt of a Reclaimed Water Feasibility Study comment letter from MWPAAC that identifies its concerns and issues with reclaimed water in the region that it would like to have addressed in the reclaimed water comprehensive plan. We look forward to receiving this letter as it will help to frame our discussions with the E&P subcommittee.

Thank you again for meeting with us to discuss the process for developing the regional reclaimed water comprehensive plan. We look forward to working with you. If have questions, or wish to discuss MWPAAC's involvement in the planning process further, please call us.

Sincerely,



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